Pathways to Welcoming and Rebuilding: A Handbook to Guide Reception and Integration of Resettled Refugees

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- This document is in word processing format. The final draft will be professionally laid out. A sample chapter in layout format, along with a draft cover design and the Figures in Part One are available on the UNHCR web-site along with this document.
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- This draft includes minor comments and additions proposed by those contributing to the review of the first draft (conducted April 2002). More substantive issues are identified in a paper on the UNHCR website and have been placed on the agenda for discussion in the context of the June ATC meeting.
- Additional 'Promising Integration Practices' are being sought as part of the review process and will be incorporated following the ATC meeting
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